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**CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

**Board members present:** Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Pete Woll, Vice-Chairman; Mark Siderius, Supervisor. Absences are excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps & FCD; Jody Bakker; Don Murray; Tom Esch; Dan Chisholm; Tristen Goodson, Gretchen Goodson, Bella Goodson; Spencer Johnson; Josh Knight; Micheal & Sharon Tikka; Marcel Quinn; Raymond Jackson.

**MINUTES:** Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 business meeting as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) grant applications for the NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative:  
[www.nacdnet.org/policy/urban/urban-agriculture-conservation-initiative](http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/urban/urban-agriculture-conservation-initiative)
2. May 24, 2016 issue of McCone CD newsletter *Conservation News*
3. May 2016 issue of Flathead Lakers newsletter *River 2 Lake News*
4. Notice: The next Whitefish Planning Board meeting is Thursday, June 16, 2016, 6:00 P.M. in the Whitefish City Council Chambers at 1005 Baker Avenue.
5. Whitefish Lake Institute spring newsletter *LakeFront*
6. June 2, 2016 issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
7. Custer County CD summer newsletter *Conservation Update*
8. DEQ 319 grant webinar June 22. Contact Katie Steele 406-444-0549  
[ksteele2@mt.gov](mailto:ksteele2@mt.gov)
9. Lewis & Clark CD summer newsletter *The Explorer*
10. Thank-you cards from Glacier & Flathead High Schools for sponsoring college Scholarships.
11. Thank-you card from college scholarship recipient Spencer Johnson
12. List of Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) grant applicant submittals
13. Thank-you letter from John Wheaton & James Rose, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) Hydrogeologists
14. Whitefish Planning Board June 16, 2016, meeting agenda



15. Fiscal year 2017 deadlines for all DNRC grants:  
July 29, 2016  
October 14, 2016  
January 16, 2017  
April 26, 2017
16. Thank-you card from college scholarship recipient Tristen Goodson.

**FINANCIAL:** The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$145.00
2. Carleton College \$1,000.00
3. Colorado School of Mines \$1,000.00
4. Confluence Consulting \$24,531.45
5. David Sibert \$371.31
6. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
7. Insty Prints of Kalispell \$72.07
8. MontanaSky Networks \$20.00
9. Montana State Fund \$399.03
10. Mountain States Leasing \$1545.56
11. NW MT Educational Cooperative \$452.34
12. Princeton University \$1,000.00
13. Somers School District #29 \$667.00
14. University of Idaho \$1,000.00
15. VISA \$1734.46

John Ellis made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Dan Chisholm stated he lives next to the Stalow property. The wetland has been damaged by Stalow’s development. The pond and wetland are 5 feet below where they normally are, dirt mounds are in the water, and his property has been damaged as a result of Stalow’s development. He will be submitting a 310-complaint.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS:** College Scholarship recipients Spencer Johnson and Tristan Goodson thanked the board for the scholarships and reported on the schools they will be attending this fall.

**310:**

**BIG MTN/WFSH MTN RESORT, FL2016024, First Creek, bridge:** Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**BIG MTN/WFSH MTN RESORT**, FL2016025, First Creek, bridge: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIG MTN/WFSH MTN RESORT**, FL2016031, First Creek, bridge: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, June 22, 8:30 A.M. at the site.

**CLIFTON**, FL2016017C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, June 20, 1:10 P.M. at the site.

**DNC PARKS & RESORTS**, FL2016022, Whitefish River, dock: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports, with the understanding that the total length of the dock with the attached walkway is less than 30 feet. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FUEL KALISPELL LLC**, FL2016030, Bowser Spring Creek, fill: An on-site was set for Monday, June 20, 2:15 P.M. at the site.

**GARWIN**, FL2016034, Stillwater River, dock/planting: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, June 20, 3:45 P.M. at the site.

**GREGOROFF**, FL2016028, Swan River, salvage logs from river bottom: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made motion “to approve the application as submitted per Pete Woll’s and Leo Rosenthal’s team member reports.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEBARD**, FL2016027C, Bootjack Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 21, 9:40 A.M. at the site.

**HERRIE**, FL2016029, Good Creek, bridge/bank stabilization: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, June 21, 11:30 A.M. at the site.

**SMITH**, FL2016023C, East Spring Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to table waiting further information.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STALOWY**, FL2016007C/FL2016008C/FL2016009C, Bear Creek, complaints: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to table FL2016007C, FL2016008C, FL2016009C until the next meeting.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TIKKA**, FL2016032, Ashley Creek, dock/deck/debris removal: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, June 20, 8:45 A.M. at the site.

**TIKKA**, FL2016033, Ashley Creek, culvert/gravel placement: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, June 20, 8:45 A.M. at the site.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COST-SHARE PAYMENTS:** Valerie Kurth reported that inspections had been completed on the Thomas and Erickson cost-share projects.

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the Thomas cost-share in the amount of \$748.16.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the Erickson cost-share in the amount of \$2800.02.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT:** Valerie Kurth asked the board for their input on the Assistant Conservationist job announcement. Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the job advertisement for the Assistant Conservationist as proposed in Valerie’s written description, as modified by the comments of Verdell Jackson and Dean Sirucek to make clear that participation in the MPERA is required, listing the minimum wage, and noting the health insurance is paid by the district.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Sirucek made a motion “to begin the Assistant Conservationist job advertisement process.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- **WEED SPRAYING INVOICES** – This will be on the 6/27 business meeting agenda
- **310 ADMINISTRATION GRANT**
- **HIRING PROCESS**
- **2016/2017 BUDGET MEETING** – Tentatively set for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
- **FLATHEAD LAND TRUST NORTH SHORE BOAT TOUR** - July 14<sup>th</sup>. Supervisors were asked to contact Valerie Kurth if interested in attending.

The next business-meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Verdell Jackson made a motion “to adjourn.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

**Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:**

<u>6/27/2016</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

